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Preface.

THE present volume marks an epoch in the history of our Church literature. Not that it is a model in all respects of what its successors are to be, but because it is the outcome of a firm belief that the secret has been discovered whereby a truly National Church Review can be maintained and its influence as an educator of the Laity, extended to every parish and mission in the Church. The time has come when the Churchman of culture has found that he needs something besides the daily or weekly paper, or illustrated monthly magazine, to supplement the teaching from the pulpit of his parish church—What it shall be, is a grave question with him. He may not be able to buy books treating, in all their detail, the questions in Ethics, Theology, and Church history upon which he may wish to inform himself. Or if he has the means at his disposal to purchase them, he can not spare the time, from a busy life, to read them. It is to meet this want that the CHURCH REVIEW will be devoted in the future.

There should be in every parish and mission a guild for the circulation of Church literature. In many parishes such guilds already exist. We propose to make the CHURCH REVIEW the nucleus of a circulating parish library.

(1.) It shall be the medium for discussion by our ablest men, of the great questions in which Churchmen are most deeply concerned. To aid us in this, we have asked one Professor in each of the following theological schools to act as a Committee to whom we can submit for approval the proposed contents of each volume, and to give their advice as to the most important topics to treat, and who the most competent men are to discuss them; viz.:

General Theological Seminary, New York; *Berkeley Divinity School*, Middletown, Conn.; *Theological Seminary*, Virginia; *Divinity School*, Philadelphia; *Nashotah House*, Nashotah, Wis.; *Seabury Divinity School*, Faribault, Minn.; *Episcopal Theological School*, Cambridge, Mass.; *Theological Department University of the South*, and *The Western Theological Seminary*, Chicago.

Such a Committee will be the surest guarantee the Church can have of absolute fairness in the editorial conduct of the CHURCH REVIEW. We may add that such a committee has given its approval of the table of contents of this volume. It is understood that no one but the author of the article is responsible for the views expressed therein.

(2.) It will give a general review of all Church literature published in England and this country during the preceding quarter. In connection with this department we shall ask prominent men to send us from time to time their opinions upon any books which in the ordinary and natural course of

their reading may strike them as being worthy of special mention, and in somewhat the same manner as they would be likely to advise a friend. We have made a beginning in the present volume in the communications from Bishop Huntington and the Rev. Dr. Garrison of the Divinity School of Philadelphia.

(3.) It will give in as brief space as possible the contemporary history of the Church, in which will be included public documents of permanent and historic interest. Such a comprehensive literary enterprise could not be carried out in a monthly publication, and we have therefore returned to a quarterly. Each issue will form a complete volume in itself, and will be bound in library cloth, for those who may desire it. It can then, after it has gone the rounds of the parish, be returned to the library as a permanent addition for future reference.

Forty-one years ago—April, 1848—the first quarterly number was published under the title of THE CHURCH REVIEW and *Ecclesiastical Register*. Since that time, nearly every prominent name in the Church is to be found among its contributors. Its invaluable service to the Church has been many times acknowledged by her leaders, in thought and work. At the General Convention of 1883 it was strongly commended to the clergy and laity by all the American Bishops present (59), in the following testimonial signed by them, and which we treasure as the greatest triumph in American Church journalism:

It is of pre-eminent importance that the Church shall have a literature to express its best thought, and to stimulate its mental activity. It is a matter of duty as well as of pardonable pride to make this literature as good as possible, and at least to keep it up to the average standard of the age.

At the head of our current Church Literature stands the American CHURCH REVIEW. *During the last few years, and under its present editorship, it has won a deservedly high place among all similar publications in the country. It is as comprehensive in its tone as the Church itself. All schools of thought that may lawfully claim recognition are welcome to its pages. The most vital questions of the day have been discussed by it with dignity, learning and commanding ability. The field it occupies, intellectually considered, could not be allowed to become vacant without inflicting a stigma upon the character and culture of our Church.*

It has received the highest commendation from the religious and secular press of this country. In England the birth-place and home of the greatest reviews the world has produced, the London *Guardian*, the highest authority in the Church of England, said:

The Church in the United States should feel proud of the appearance of the January number of this most valuable REVIEW * * * * which quite equals, if in some particulars it does not surpass, its English contemporaries, etc.

At the very beginning a mistake was made (and which we

shall now endeavor to correct) that has involved an expenditure of over $100,000 in excess of its receipts from regular subscriptions. We wish to enter here the names of those who have aided us in bearing the burden of this great Church enterprise, since it passed under our management in January, 1881. A little over $40,000 of the $100,000 has gone into the REVIEW during our management, but more than double the amount of reading matter has been published. About $7000 of this sum has been given to the REVIEW either in loans, gifts, or in advance subscriptions, in amounts of from $25 to $1000. For every dollar given outright, the REVIEW has been sent to missionary clergymen. The following are the friends whose aid we would here publicly acknowledge:

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There are others to whom we are indebted for influence and smaller contributions, and the whole Church is indebted to some two hundred contributors to the pages of the REVIEW, who have followed, in most cases, the custom of the clergy of the Greek Church, *i.e.*, not to charge for contributions to Church literature. Among this small army of contributors we will mention a few among many well-known names: of the Bishops:

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With this high and noble object in view, we shall try to make it the medium for conveying to the laity of every congregation the ripest scholarship of the Church. We believe that the enterprise so dear to us, and to many Churchmen in all parts of the country, and which we have struggled through long years to build up, will now be crowned with success worthy of the boasted culture and undoubted wealth of American Churchmen. HENRY MASON BAUM.

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